



Homeland Security

Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

December 12, 2011

Mr. Jason Smathers
MuckRock News
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Boston, Massachusetts 02205-5819

Re: DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0105

Dear Mr. Smathers:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated and received in this office on November 29, 2011. You are seeking "all records on, about, mentioning or [concerning] the request for Obama Sr.'s A-File to be provided to Delores Barber in unredacted format after being released to a requester under the FOIA [including but not limited to] the responsive records to those that show how the unredacted copy was used and why it was requested to be sent to the DHS Office of Privacy in or around April of 2011."

We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the DHS Privacy Office (PRIV) for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within the DHS Privacy Office (PRIV) that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 60 days of the date of this letter, to: Associate General Counsel (General Law), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

If there is another DHS component you believe to be in possession of responsive records, please submit another FOIA request to our office identifying the specific component and the documents you believe they possess or you may send the request directly to the FOIA office within that DHS component. For a list of DHS component FOIA Offices, please visit our webpage http://www.dhs.gov/xfoia/Copy_of_editorial_0318.shtm.


The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that

OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may email them at ogis@nara.gov or call 1-877-684-6448.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$14 minimum, there is no charge.

If you need to contact our office concerning this request, please call 866-431-0486 and refer to **DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0105**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Wolfrey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jimmy" being more prominent.

Jimmy Wolfrey
FOIA Program Specialist